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 FOR: MILK FLOW METER FOR A MILKING SYSTEM )  
 HAVING A SUBSTANTIALLY STABLE VACUUM )  
 LEVEL AND METHOD FOR USING SAME )  
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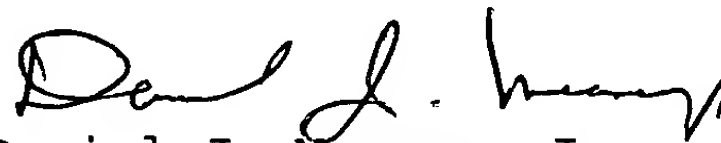
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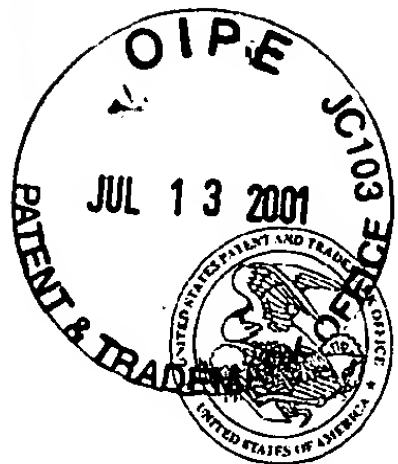
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